THE CASSINVHUYGENS FLYBY OF JUPITER

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At the end of the year 2000 the Cassini/Huygens spacecraft will fly by the planet Jupiter at a range of 137 jovian radii. A preliminary assessment has indicated that the instruments aboard Cassini/Huygens can make measurements that will make unique contributions to studies of the jovian system. In this presentation we will discuss the status of the plans for observations of the jovian system by Cassini/Huygens. We shall also consider the possibilities for observations carried out in cooperation with the Galileo spacecraft presently in orbit about Jupiter, with other spacecraft, and with various observatories on the ground. (The JPL portion of this work has been carried out under contract with NASA.)